

Waterfront Comes to Life as Halibut Fishermen Load For Season Opening



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Two weeks ago, there was only a breath of activity along the Prince Rupert waterfront but it developed into a hurricane in a matter of days, starting with Sunday last week.

First, more than 100 vessels arriving from as far south as Oregon and as far north as Juneau, flocked into port for the opening gun of the halibut season.

Strike-locked ice and bait houses in Alaska turned American boats to Prince Rupert and brought many old-timers back to the port from which they first began fishing.

One of the busiest among local waterfront businessmen greeting old friends was Bill Bacon, himself a past fisherman of note and at present in the fish-buying and curing business.

Bill and Joe Morease who work for him also were among the first to sign and report the crash of the plane in the harbor Monday afternoon.

As soon as the boats tied on the outside (in places they were three and four deep along the floats and docks) heard the alarm, they cast off and raced to the scene, where 18 survivors were picked up, and a possible tragedy was averted.

Business along the waterfront stretched for more than a mile with vessels taking on food supplies as well as bait and ice. It is easing now, for most of the boats have headed "across the bay" where fishing begins in earnest next week.

Then the fishing houses will

experience the first real business since last summer and shoreworkers will toil practically day and night to process the millions of pounds of halibut which will be sold on the local markets.

Sid Tordiffe, customs officer who interviewed the man who took his family to sea from Seattle in a dory and landed in difficulties off Butedale in heavy weather, reports that J. A. Potts has reached his objective—Ketchikan.

Tordiffe got word that when the Prince Rupert arrived in Ketchikan Thursday, on hand to greet his wife and four small children was Mr. Potts, safe and sound.

Another customs officer who spends a good deal of his official time on the waterfront, spends most of his time unofficially there too. Al Faulkner is remodeling a troller he bought last winter into a pleasure craft, doing all the work himself.

Faulkner also is going to be paying special attention to the Prince Rupert-Ketchikan ferry service which has been placed under his inspection.

At least another three grain ships are scheduled for the Prince Rupert elevator, says superintendent Arnold Mills and it's "very likely" that at least one of them will have to ride at anchor in harbor again.

"That is, if they come in bunches like the last three did."

The Greek ship *Liontos*, is being loaded now and will not sail until late next week. She is loading wheat and barley for Belgium.

Meanwhile, if grain keeps coming and fish and pulp keep going out, CNR superintendent T. A. Mainprize is looking forward to one of the busiest seasons in history on the northern main line.

But that may be "small potatoes" compared to the traffic which will likely hit the northern rails next year, the "Big Year" for northern B.C. industry when Alcan is scheduled to go into production, the Terrace-Kitimat rail line completed, and pulp is to start pouring in from the Ketchikan plant now under construction.

"Ahead with a roar in 1954" could well become a slogan for north-central and western B.C.



"CITY BENEATH THE SEA" (2-C)

SCREEN SUSPENSE reaches a new high when deep sea diver Anthony Quinn is trapped undersea in this exciting scene from Universal-International's Technicolor "City Beneath the Sea," starring Robert Ryan, Mala Powers, shown above, Quinn and Suzan Ball. Hilo Hattie heads the film's large supporting cast. Budd Boetticher directed. The show opens Monday at the Capitol.

Allard Orders Officers To Put Emphasis on Sport

Canadian Press Staff Writer

IN KOREA. — Brig. J. V. Allard, recently-arrived commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade, has ordered a heavier emphasis on sport here.

In one of a series of conferences marking his assumption of command, Allard told unit welfare and sports officers, whom he called to his headquarters.

"One of the essentials in winning a war is care for the physical and moral welfare of our men. It is the responsibility of every officer to do this in whatever field he is engaged.

"Your responsibilities are not discharged unless you do as good a job in these matters as in anything else.

"Welfare is of vital importance and our policy is going to be to make sport a major recreation."

START TOURNAMENTS
He then ordered the officers to organize unit tournaments in a variety of sports, to culminate in a Dominion Day meet for the entire formation, with brigade championships at stake.

Ottawa is sending equipment for volleyball, basketball, baseball, badminton, deck tennis, and horse-shoes, as well as the standard track and field equipment.

"There is to be a drive on sports in every unit," he ordered.

Bulldozers are being loaned to doze out unit sports grounds. Each unit will have two—one at each of its rear headquarters. There also will be a brigade sports ground, where a brigade sports centre will be established.

Means of setting up prizes for the events, "so that they will mean something to the soldiers," are to be decided upon.

SEEK ENTERTAINERS
Allard told the officers he wanted them to become talent scouts as well.

They should encourage men with entertainment ability to rehearse and put together unit shows. He said the better entertainers might be assembled

to put on a brigade show. If it looked feasible they might form a permanent brigade concert party.

He also said a brigade mobile library would be formed. A caravan-type vehicle would be fitted up as a library, with an NCO in charge, and tour the brigade regularly with reading matter.

"The idea would be to work out an exchange system so that the books will circulate and all the men will have a chance to select books of their own choice," he said.

"We will have to improve the quality, too. I am greatly concerned with the type of books we seem to be getting. We shall have to arrange for a supply of books which are not necessarily more serious, but perhaps less harmful."

Bennett Denies Statements Made by Reid

SALMON ARM, B.C. (CP)—Charges made in the last Legislature by Social Credit member J. A. Reid that "sex and socialism" were being taught in B.C. schools were denied here by Premier Bennett.

At the same time, the premier at a meeting pledged "100 per cent support" to Mr. Reid's candidacy in Salmon Arm riding in the June 9 provincial election.

The meeting was attended by some 450 people.

A member of the local teachers' association later moved a vote of thanks to the premier, and Mr. Reid received a prolonged clapping and shouts of "Hooray for Reid."

SCREEN ★ FLASHES

TORONTO—Warner Brothers, first to give the world a talking picture and first major Hollywood studio to produce a true third-dimensional feature in "House of Wax," have perfected their own wide-screen process to give the illusion of depth, it has been announced by Jack L. Warner.

The new process, eliminating the need for polaroid glasses, will be known as WarnerScope, said the film executive, a native of London, Ontario.

"We will announce specifications and details at an early date, when we are ready to present a demonstration for the press and exhibitors," Warner said. "In the meantime we are putting this process, which ranks in importance with Warnerphonic sound, three-dimensional photography and WarnerColor, into practical operation for our forthcoming product."

In announcing a 44-picture budget for the next 18 months, Warner said the new technique would not necessarily rule out further productions in Natural Vision, the true third-dimensional, polaroid glasses process by which "House of Wax" was made.

In the list of forthcoming productions are Broadway hits such as "Dial for Murder," to be made in 3-D by Alfred Hitchcock, and "Mr. Roberts." From the shelves of best-selling books, the studio has obtained John Steinbeck's "East of Eden," to be directed by Elia Kazan; "The High and Mighty" by Ernest Gann, Edna Ferber's "So Big" and "Quietly My Captain Waits" by Evelyn Eaton.

Biographic films will include "So This Is Love," which is the Grace Moore story, and "The Eddie Cantor Story."

Not the least of several highlights will be "A Star Is Born" bringing Judy Garland back to the screen, and "Beggars' Opera" starring Sir Laurence Olivier.

A spectacular pageant takes place against breathtaking backgrounds in "The Thief of Venice," the film produced by Robert Haegi and released through Twentieth Century-Fox which starts Monday at the Totem Theatre.

The incomparable splendors of Venice, where the film was actually photographed in its entirety, form the setting for a drama of ancient rivalry, marked by fiery romance, thrilling action and great pomp.

"The Thief of Venice" describes the heroic adventures of a brave and impetuous warrior, Lorenzo, played with great verve by Paul Christian.

When his promise to free his galley slaves, for their deeds of great valor, is overruled by the royal inquisitor, Scarpa, superbly enacted by Massimo Serato, Lorenzo engages in a series of daring and dramatic adventures, culminating in one of the most savage duels between the two ever staged for a film, and filmed amid a royal procession overwhelming in its richness and splendor.

The most imposing and lavish production ever attempted abroad, "The Thief of Venice" utilizes historic grandeur combined with the most modern Hollywood equipment and artistic know-how in an impressive, and all English-speaking, panoramic view of magnificent Venice, known as "The Lady of the Sea."

The enchanting canals, with dark gondolas drifting past statues shining of gold, form a visual picture never to be forgotten.

Ports-mouth, England (CP)—The death-watch beetles that have been eating into the wood of Nelson's famous flagship *Victory*, long docked here, will be destroyed by radioactive pellets.

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DUNSCROFT, England (CP)—Joseph Duddington, who died in this Yorkshire town at age 76, had set a record in 1933 by operating a locomotive with seven coaches at a speed of 125 miles an hour.

LLANELLY, Wales (CP)—Berry and Irene Thomas of Invald Tricycle Association, this Carmarthen town, both crippled since infancy, married and set off in motor-propelled car on a 60-mile honeymoon journey.

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